

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1758–1761, S.J. Res. 55, and S. Con. Res. 58. **Page S5093**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1090, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–272)

S. 1605, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–273).

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Congressional Budget: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 113), Grassley Amendment No. 3963, to reduce new budget authority and outlays for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1997.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, May 16, 1996.

Appointments:

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the second session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece, May 16–20, 1996: Senators Brown and Akaka.

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Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 102–246, appointed Julie Finley, of Washing-

ton, D.C., as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, effective June 30, 1996.

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Trustees of the American Folklife Center: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, appointed the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center: James F. Hoy, of Kansas, and Charles E. Trimble, of Nebraska.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the National Science Board entitled “Science and Engineering Indicators—1996”; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–145).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christina A. Snyder, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—113)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 16, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5103.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine price levels and volatility in United States grain markets, after receiving testimony from John E. Tull, Jr., Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Patrick H. Arbor, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois; Michael Braude, Kansas City Board of Trade, Kansas City, Missouri; Kendell W. Keith, National Grain and Feed Association, Washington, D.C.; J. William Uhrig, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana; Roger G. Ginder, Iowa State University, Ames; and C. Richard Stark, Jr., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

APPROPRIATIONS—NIST/CENSUS BUREAU

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the National Institute of Standards and Technology from Mary Lowe Good, Under Secretary for Technology, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and in behalf of funds for the Census Bureau from Everett M. Ehrlich, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs and Administrator, all of the Department of Commerce.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in closed session to receive a briefing on the F-22, F-18 and Joint Strike Fighter Programs of the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition); Vice Adm. John A. Lockard, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; and Rear Adm. Craig E. Steidle, Director, Joint Advanced Strike Technology/Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RDA).

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 22.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Frank Reeder, Director, and Jurg E. Hochuli, Associate Director of Financial Management Division, both of the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President; and James B. King, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, June 13.

NIGERIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to review United States policy toward Nigeria, and on S. 1419, to impose sanctions against Nigeria, after receiving testimony from Senator Moseley-Braun; Representative Donald Payne; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Gay J. McDougall, International Human Rights Law Group, Pauline Baker, Fund for Peace, and David Miller, Corporate Council on Africa, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jean Herskovits, State University of New York, Purchase.

RUSSIAN ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the growing threat of and Federal and State efforts to combat Russian organized crime in America, receiving testimony from George Weise, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, and Edward L. Federico, Jr., Director, National Operations Division, Criminal Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Jim E. Moody, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Igor Nikolayevich Kozhevnikov, Russian Ministry of Interior Affairs, Moscow; Daniel Mackey and Ralph Cefarello, both of the New York City Police Department, New York, New York; William Pollard, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California; Michael Franzese, an incarcerated witness; and certain anonymous witnesses.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.